

REMARKS

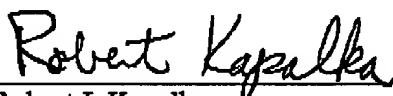
This communication responds to the Office Action dated August 21, 2003, wherein claims 1-2, 7-15, 19-28 and 32 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Clark et al. (US 6,319,075); claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Clark et al. in view of Weber (US 4,818,237); claims 4-6, 16-18 and 29-31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim; and claims 33-37 were held to be allowable.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the claims have been amended to put them in a form which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. In particular, claims 4, 16 and 29 have been canceled, and the subject matter thereof has been incorporated into independent claims 1, 13 and 25, respectively. Other amendments have been made in the claims and in the specification with regard to formal matters.

The claims presented are believed to be in form for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims, are respectfully requested.

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